

Application Package for Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant Funds



**NH Department of Environmental Services
Watershed Management Bureau
Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant Program
www.des.nh.gov/wmb/exoticspecies**

Requirements for Receiving an Exotic Plant Control Grant

The waterbody must:

1. be a surface water of the State of New Hampshire
2. have at least one public access site or boat launch
3. be infested with an exotic plant listed in Env-Wq 1303.02

All control projects shall incorporate the use of integrated pest management (IPM) strategies. A Long-Term Management Plan (generally a five year plan) that incorporates association and/or municipal data inputs will be provided for each waterbody infested with an exotic aquatic plant. If a plan exists, funding and project activities will comply with the plan. The plan outlines strategic approaches to control or eradicate exotic aquatic plants in the waterbody.

The completed application must be submitted no later than September 15th of the year prior to the start date of any requested control activities. Requests for funding received after this time will only be considered if adequate funding is available.

All grant requests received are subjected to a prioritization ranking system. Project funding will be selected based on ranking and available funding. For more information about our prioritization ranking, please review section Env-Ws 1306.04 of our Administrative Rules at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-wq1300.pdf>. **Grant notifications shall be made by November 30th each year.**

Upon notification of grant award, the applicant shall provide the following to the department:

- (1) A new or updated W-9 form, as appropriate;
- (2) An original and current Certificate of Good Standing or a Certificate of Existence from the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office;
- (3) A signed and notarized standard state contracting form that will be provided by this program; and,
- (4) A signed and notarized certificate of authority, to be dated the same date as the above referenced contract form.

Please contact Amy Smagula, Exotic Species Coordinator, Biology Section, Watershed Management Bureau @ (603) 271-2248 if you have any questions.

Application Form

Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant Program

1. Waterbody Name:_____

2. Town(s):_____

3.

Waterbody Association/Municipality Name:	
Mailing Address (summer)	Mailing Address (winter)
Phone (evening):	(day):
E-mail address:	
Joint Applicant (If applicable):	
Mailing Address (summer)	Mailing Address (winter)
Phone (evening):	(day):
E-mail address:	

4. Indicate Desired Project Timeframe (season/year):_____

5. If the waterbody does not have a current Long-Term Management Plan for exotic aquatic plants, please complete the attached table entitled “Data/Input Needs for Exotic Species Long-Term Management Plans” and provide the requested maps from that table. If you are unsure if a Long-Term Plan exists for the waterbody, please visit the DES website and review the list of waterbodies with existing plans at http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/exoticspecies/waterbodies_with_draft_management_plans.htm.

For an example of how to complete this table and the requested maps, please visit http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/exoticspecies/documents/example-info_for_management_plan-forest_lake.pdf to see how one waterbody (Forest Lake) provided this information and the format used.

6. Bids: DES must receive more than one bid on the proposed project from licensed applicators or other authorized individuals before your request can be reviewed. ***Bids are due on October 15th so that we can review them and rank them in terms of prioritization.*** Please contact Amy Smagula at asmagula@des.state.nh.us or at 603-271-2248 to determine if an up-to-date map of your lake's infestation is available for use in obtaining a bid. This is critical to ensure that the full area of infestation is included in the bid.

If you are requesting an herbicide application, please provide one bid from each of the following applicators on the proposed job (note that at this point in time there are only two firms licensed to do work in NH):

Aquatic Control Technology, 11 John Road, Sutton, MA 01590, ph. 508-865-1000
and

Lycott Environmental, Inc., 600 Charleton St., Southbridge, MA 01550, ph. 508-765-0101

If you are seeking a different control practice, or multiple control practices (suction harvesting, hand removal, etc), please contact DES at 603-271-2248 to determine the appropriate course of action, and available contractors.

7. Certification: As the duly authorized representative of the identified association, university, or municipality, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this application form is true and correct, and the document has been duly authorized by the municipality. I also certify that all other towns with shoreline property on the project lake have been notified of this application.

Applicant/Town Of:	
Duly Authorized Representative (print): Title:	
Signature:	Date:
Joint Applicant/Town Of: (if applicable)	
By signing below, I agree that the APPLICANT will receive all checks and be responsible for all grant and project paperwork.	
Duly Authorized Representative (print): Title:	
Signature:	Date:

Data/Input Needs for Exotic Species Long-Term Management Plans

Waterbody Name/Town: Contact Name: Contact Phone: Contact E-mail:	
Data Needs	Information
Number of houses that are considered ‘shorefront dwellings’ on the waterbody (i.e., those that sit immediately adjacent to the waterbody?)	
Number of ‘back lots’ that have waterfront access or rights of way?	
Number of power boats that use the waterbody on a daily basis.	
Number of canoes or kayakers on the waterbody? Are they local or transient? Please estimate number per day.	
List the impairments you see to using the waterbody for swimming, boating, or fishing that result from exotic plant infestations? Please specify what location for each impairment on the attached map.	
List access problems experienced by waterbody residents/users and how serious are they? (can include boat access, swim access, etc.)	
Number of swim rafts/platforms on the waterbody.	
Does your town support the efforts to control exotic plants in the waterbody?	
Has the town made a financial commitment to managing exotic plants in the waterbody?	
Do you have a group of people that can be committed to Weed Watching and possibly hand-pulling the exotic plant over time once a larger-scale management plan is done (if certified through the Weed Control Diver course)? If yes, please describe, using additional paper as needed.	
Please obtain a copy of the tax map(s) for the waterbody’s shoreline, and mark the locations of the following (Note that if you cannot obtain tax maps, please use the separately attached maps to approximate locations of these): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Docks 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim platforms • Private swim beaches <p>Areas where access is impaired to waterfront property owners because of an exotic plant infestation</p>	
<p>DES can provide you with base maps to map out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typical boat lanes/navigation paths for motorboats • Typical boat lanes/navigation paths for canoes/kayaks • Typical areas where people fish in the waterbody • Public access sites (boat launches) • Public bathing place 	

Please be sure to provide a legend or annotate the maps as appropriate.

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Control Grant Fund Application Checklist:

- ☐ Completed Application Form (by September 15th)
- ☐ Completed Data/Input Needs Information and Maps (by September 15th)
- ☐ Bids (by October 15th)
- ☐ Signature(s) with packet for September 15th deadline

Please Mail Completed Application Packet To:
Amy P. Smagula
NHDES
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Concord, N.H. 03302